President's Message Commends Congress



the surveys made in 1874 by direction of Commerce and Labor, on this sub- is not founded on rightesomores, p of the Gengross, numbered 4,700,000, and ject, which, according to the survey of both. In case we are compelled to alumban try. Such a judge is described in 1891, amounted to 1,000,000, has now other governments to put an end to the this who and fearless judge if we pe of the Gengross, numbered 4,700,000, and Jevi m land, so that, for each skin taken by mane way possible. pelagic scaling, as a rule, three lives are

SECOND HAGUE CONFERENCE, bas a power over which no review can be
destroyed—the mother, the unborn off
In my last message I advised you that exercised; he himself sits in review upon
the mother, the unborn off
One of Presis and taken the received and legisspring and the nursing pup, which is left the Emperor of Russia had taken the to starve to death. No clanage whatever initiative in bringing about a second in the most extraordinary enses he is done to the herd by the carefully peace conference at The Hague. Unser anomable only at the bar of public opin regulated killing on land; the emstom the guidance of Russia the arrangement ion, and it is unwise to maintain that of pelagic scaling is solely responsible of the preliminaries for such a confer- public opinion in reference to a man with for all of the present cyll, and is alike once has been progressing during the past such power shall neither be exprest nor indefensible from the economic stands year. Progress has necessarily been slow, led.

of 400,000 adult female scals laid been. The close connections between the sub-liked at sea, and over 300,000 young scals jects to be taken up by the Red Cross to judge of me." The proprieties of the laid died of starvation as the result. The conference, held at Geneva has summer, revolting barbarity of such a practice, as and the subjects which naturally would well as the wasteful destruction which it come before The Hague conference, made involves, needs no demonstration and is it apparent that it was desirable to have QUOTES JUDGE TAFT. that since pelagic scaling began upward to join in the proposed conference. erty right in the fur seals when outside revised and amended constants, their decisions and an the consciousness of the three-mile limit, determined also was signed by the American delegates, do exact justice than the consciousness of the three-mile limit, determined also was signed by the American delegates. That every net of theirs is to be subjected that the tribute will be promptly laid before the occurre. nail considered sufficient for the proper. By the special and highly appreciated to the intelligent scrutiny and candid criprotection and preservation of the fur courtesy of the governments of Russia ticism of their relicement. Such criticism is beneficial in proportion as it is Bering sea. The tribunal by its regula. The Hague Conference together at a time fair, dispassionate, discrimnating and tions established a close season, from the which would conflict with the conference lat of May to the 31st of July, and ex- of the American republics at Rio de Ja- text writers and by the sente editors of cluded all killing in the waters within neiro in August was laid aside. No oth- the various law reviews upon judicial de. public. sixty miles around the Pribilov islands or date has yet been suggested. A tenta- cisions are therefore highly useful. Such They also provided that the regulations tive programme for the conference has critics constitute more or less impartial. I have just returned from a trip to which they had determined upon, with been propsed by the Government of Rus- tribunals of professional opinion before Panama and shall report to you at a view to the protection and preserva- sia, and the subjects which it enumerates which each judgment is made to stand tion of the seals, should be submitted are undergoing careful examination and or fall on its merits, and thus exert a every five years to new examination, so as consideration in preparation for the conto enable both interested Governments ference. to consider whether, in the light of past experience, there was occasion for any modification thereof.

The regulations have proved plainly inadequate to accomplish the object of upon honorable men, upon an honorable sense, the protest of many average man protection and preservation of the fur nation, where peace can only be obtained may evidence a defect in a judicial conseals, and for a long time this Government has been trying in valu to secure tion or of national welfare. Peace is reasoning and profounded learning. The

On July 16th and 17th the crews from serious ence or from sentimentally, to sacrifice national interests which are vital in character is laind of St. Paul, and before they better for a nation's soul than the most insufficiently armed guard, they sufficed prosperous pence obtained by acquiesced in killing several hundred seals and carrying off the skins of most of them. Nearly all the seals killed were females prepare for war, so that it may escape and the work was done with frightful the dreadful consequences or being deand the work was done with frightful the dreadful consequences of being to barbarity. Many of the seals appear to feated in war, yet it must always be re have been skinned alive and many were found half skinned alive and many were war may be far better than not to have found half skinned and still alive. The raids were repelled only by the use of large and the fought at all. As has been well and fines for the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seal of the more heartily to condemn the tyranny for the seals appear to membered that even to be defeated in Columbia. Theatre in Washington eivil and religious, and we are, there-lately, resolutions were adopted profered that even to be defeated in Columbia. Theatre in Washington eivil and religious, and we are, there-lately, resolutions were adopted profered that even to be defeated in Columbia. Theatre in Washington eivil and religious, and we are, there-lately, resolutions were adopted profered that even to be defeated in Columbia. Theatre in Washington eivil and religious, and we are, there-lately, resolutions were adopted profered that even to be defeated in Columbia. Theatre in Washington eivil and religious, and we are, there-lately, resolutions were adopted profered that even to be defeated in Columbia. Theatre in Washington eivil and religious, and we are, there-lately even to be defeated in Columbia. Theatre in Washington eivil and religious, and we are, there-lately even to be defeated in Columbia.

purpose are in progress. seals within the jurisdiction of the United States need revision and amendment.
Only the islands of St. Paul and St.
George are now, in terms, included in the
Government reservation, and the other
islands are also to be included. The
islands are also to be included. The
islands are also to be included. The
islands, without a permit from the
islands are also to be included in these circumstances it would be
this. It's not the question as to in cold blood. And these worthy sons
this. It's not the ques Department of Commerce and Labor, for any purpose except in case of stress of free and enlightened peoples which, weather or for water, should be prohibited under adequate penalties. The approach of vessels for the excepted purposes should be regulated. The authority of the Government agents on the islands should have the powers of a committing should have the powers of a committing magistrate. The entrance of a vessel into the territorial waters surrounding the islands with intent to take seals should be made a criminal offense and cause of make their wicked will. The restance of the figure of the territorial waters surrounding the islands with intent to take seals should be made a criminal offense and cause of make their wicked with restaurance of sufficient armed strength to be made a criminal offense and cause of stress of the inspiration, and the first two and the first two and the first two and the same to the first two and the same to the territorial waters of the same so far as the issue beated to the time of the same so far as the issue beat of the same so far as the issue beated to the continue to call this proceeding separation and to compare it to the Amerotrorial to the Ameron and to compare it to the Ameron and to compare to the first and the same to sate the intent of and not it would be excontinue to call this proceeding separation and to compare to the Ameron and to compare to the same better to the Ameron and to compare to the same to the first and the same to the first and the same to the same to the first and the control and the first be made a criminal offense and cause of do right of sufficient armed strength to be made a criminal offense and cause of make their purpose effective.

OISREGARD SENTIMENT.

The action of the French Govern- President, sending a committee with ment has shocked the moral sense of a troop of soldiers to break in the every righteous man in the civilized doors of my church and count the

The destruction of the Printies islands thin is excited to accomplish these curls; most; and the judge who does thus a fur senis by pelagic scaling will come and I recommend to your attention the regard the judge scattment when it times. The hard which, according to report of Mr. Sims of the Department wrong who brushes adde the plan.

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its own condemnation. The Bering Sen the work of the Red Cross conference "The opportunity freely and publicly Tribunal, which sat in Paris in 1893, and completed and considered by the different to criticize judicial action is of vastly which decided against the claims of the powers before the meeting of The Hague more importance to the body politic than United States to exclusive jurisdiction in The Red Cross Conference ended its lathe waters of Bering Sea and to a prop- bors on the 6th day of July, and the unjust aspersions and attacs. Nothing erty right in the fur seals when outside revised and amended convention, which their decisions and anxiously solicitous to

PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The regulations have proved plainly is not merely justifiable, but imperative, from Great Britain such revision and modification of the regulations as were contemplated and provided for by the award of the tribunal of Paris.

The process of destruction has been accelerated during recent years by the appearnce of a number of Japanese vessels engaged in pelagic sealing. As these vessels have not been bound even by the inadequate limitations prescribed by the inadequate limitations proscribed by the finded part of the first time in 120 years without of the given and the process of the sixty-mile limit imposed upon the Canadians, and have prosecuted their work up to the very islands themselves. insufficiently armed guard, they succeeds prosperous peace obtained by acquiesc-

the islands, without a permit from the further defer the reign upon earth of olic friends as dear to me as Protest- lying by telegraph as a fine art. They Department of Commerce and Labor, for peace and righteousness, than for the ant, but if I did not it would be ex- continue to call this proceeding separ

such intest. I recommend what legislas the overwholming tide of public sentiin the most extraordinary cases he

point and from the standpoint of has owing to the great number of countries manty.

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The best judges have ever been foremanty. biley islands. In 1807 it was estimated have now, for the first time, Issen invited liberty to know-what I found my judg ment upon; that, so when I have given

strong influence to secure uniformity of decision. But non-professional criticism also is by no means without its uses, even if accompanied, as it often is, by a direc-It must ever be kept in mind that war attack upon the judicial fairness and mo-

tite public critism. In the case of Judges inving a life tenture, indeed, their very imbependence makes the right freely in

ment of all the people as their best vindiention

There is one consideration which should be taken into account by the good people who carry a sound propo sition to an excess in objecting to any criticism of a judge's decision. The instinct of the American people as a whole is sound in this matter. They will not subscribe to the doctrine that any publiservant is to be above all criticism. If the best citizens, those most competent to express their judgment in such matters, and above all those belonging to the great and honorable profession of the so profoundly influential in American life, take the position that there and temperate criticism, when necessary people as a whole of that intemperate antagonism toward the judiciary who had been invited to address the of irreligion now ruling in France. which must be combated by every rightthinking man, and which, if it becam widespread among the people at large would constitute a dire menare to the re-

PANAMA TRIP. I have just returned from a trip to length later on the whole subject of the

Panama canal THE ALGECIRAS CONVENTION. The Algeciras convention, which was signed by the United States as well as by most of the powers of Europe, sutives of the occupants of the bench; for persedes the previous convention of 1880, if the law is but the essence of common which was also signed both by the United which was also signed both by the United States and a majority of the European powers. This treaty confers upon us equal commercial rights with all Euro-

View Of The French Separation Policy

raids were repelled only by the use of fought at all. As has been well and aller freezens, and five of the raiders were kill- by said, a beaten nation is not necessari- Freench Government under the so- and persecution of the so-called brearms, and five of the raiders were kill. It said, a beaten nation is not deceased collection or called separation net. It was a meet- French Republic, ed. two were wounded, and twelve cap- it a disgraced nation; but the nation or called separation net. It was a meet- French Republic. ed, two were wounded, and twelve captured, including the two wounded. Those
captured have since been tried and sentenced to imprisonment. An attack of
this kind had been wholly unlooked for,
but such provision of vessels, arms and
peace. It is morally as indefensible for
the distribution of the ranker of the cause of honorable
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a nation to commit a wrong upon another. It is address he said;

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"In principle and in fact today the
ant and Catholic speakers. Among the situation in France is the same as the
Catholic Speakers were was Rev. situation at the time of the French
to the captured have since been tried and sentenced to imprisonment. An attack of
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a nation to commit a wrong upon another. In his address he said;

cases should be given, and the presence on any such vessel of seals or sealskins, at any given moment to disregard not keepily felt than in the United States, church possessions. Why, we would should be made prima facie evidence of great political or financial power, but but by non-Catholic as well, for here Government has gone mad. There is

but such provision of vessels, arms and peace. It is morally as indefensible for the formulation will now be made that it respectition will now be made that it respectition will not be found profitable.

Suitable representations regarding the incident have been made to the Government of Japan, and we are assured that the pations—a leave based upon justice clare, our conviction and of the formulation and only civil administration. The forcing a civil constitution upon the clergy, of laving constitutional Bishmation, strong or weak, as for an indivimethod and in our power to hasten us, because our hearts are stirred within of taking not only civil administration. It is morally as indefensible for the forcing a civil constitution upon the clergy, of laving constitutional Bishmation, strong or weak, as for an indivimethod and it is not be found profitable.

Suitable representations regarding the should do all in our power to hasten us, because we love justice and fair but also dogma and spiritual supement of Japan, and we are assured that the pations—a leave based upon justice clare our conviction. all practicable measures will be taken and not upon cowardly submission to sympathy and reach out our hands to tion of the Catholic Church. And if rence of the outrage. On our part, the wrong. We can accomplish a good deal help. rence of the outrage. On our part, the wrong, we can accomplish a good on the island will be increased and in this direction, but we cannot accome "I am a Protestant. I was born a Pope and the Catholics we will take guard on the island will be increased and his averything, and the penalty of at- Protestant. I am proud of the Prot- your property away, abolish your better equipped and organized, and a better revenue-cutter patrol service about tempting to do too much would almost estant traditions of my fathers, and worship, says the chief highwayman,
the islands will be established; next seafor it must be remembered that fanthe Data to Dat the islands will be established; next season a United States war vessel will also
be sent there.

We have not stopped our efforts to sewhich they esponse, but and squarely that Protestpope and the Catholics would be very
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population in the brigand. The protestthe Protestpope and the Catholics would be very
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population if it is a high and noble opsimple to be deceived by such a pro-We have not stopped our efforts to se-cure an agreement with Great Britain are ordinarily those who do most to ham portunity if it does not rise with in- ceeding. There is only one step more cure an agreement with Great Britain per the real Laders of the cause and to dignation and power and power and power and protest to make the parallel between the present against the wrong done the Catholics ent and the French Revolution computations with Japan for the same damage the cause itself. As yet there is against the wrong done the Catholics ent and the French Revolution computations are in progress. plete, and that is to gather the Bish-The laws for the protection of the international power of whatever sort "Men of every creed and sect ought ops and priests together on some inseals within the jurisdiction of the Unit-

every righteous man in the civilized doors of my church and count the

and robbed and kicked out of their Knott said; own country, and that by a majority "Our countrymen are being misted

ligion mistake the issue. It is a war State, as they falsely claim, that is against Jesus Christ and against the their purpose. It is the subjugation comment on their decisions of greater importance, because it is the only practical and available instrument in the hands of a free people to keep such judges alive to the reasonable decounds of those they is and Judaism tomorrow. They idea of God, and if they can dispose of the Church and the confiscation of the Catholic Church today they and plunder of its property and the will never sto

diers to drive out some 80,000 women bo are teaching French girls to be oure. They do not see the vile Illustrated papers or the impure liter-

POINTS TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR do so in time I feel quite sure. "And in the meantime, if Mr. Jus"I have too much confidence in the
crand takes note of this meeting and solid Christian sentiments, the love of reports it to his Government, I hope right and justice of our countrymen he will not forget to tell them that to believe they will, to any extent, decent and free Americans despise give their countenance, sympathy and religious persecution and that they moral support to the authors of these have no word to express their con-tempt for this Government as represented by Clemenceau, Briand, object and purpose, It is a part of shall be no criticism of a judge under Combes and their lik. Let them re- a general propaganda of atheism any circumstances, their view will not be member also that the mob who shot and fidelity, and if successful in accepted by the American people as a down the priests in the French Revo- France, that propaganda will be inwhole, In such event the people will lution also beheaded the King and augurated in other countries of Euturn to, and tend to accept as justifia- finally sent many a blatant dema- rope. ble, the intemperate and improper cri- gogue to the guillotine, and notice, ticism uttered by unworthy agitators too, that when the Italian Government "The recent attempt of a Roman Surely it is a misfortune to leave to sent troops to protect the Vatican mob to break into the Vatican and such critics a function, right in itself, they did not forget also to surround insult and outrage the Holy Fatherwhich they are certain to abuse. Just the King's palace. There is food for if not to assissinate him-is a signifithought here.

Hon, A. Leo Knott, of Baltimore, of the sucess of the propagandists

not a Catholic in the world who meeting, was unable to be present, would not have welcomed separation but send a letter from Atlantic City, in France. But Catholics in France which was read by Chairman Haltinaturally object to being plundered gan. In the course of his letter Mr.

which does not represent the French and deceived by the clamorans but scople, and whose action is made pos- false pretenues of these some of Volsible by the fact that, while France taire, these political descendants of a a republic in name, it is a more Marat and Robespierre, and of the entralized Covernment than Russia, terrolets of the ald Revolution. It is "And let no one who believes in re- not the separation of the Church and ism and Judaism tomorrow. They hie institutions which they are seek-SAFETY IN CALTICISM.

"On the other hand, the danger of destroying the project influence of judicial decisions by creating unfounded prejudices against the courts justifies and requires that unjust attacks shall be need and answered. Courts must ultimately test their defense upon the inherent strength of the opinious they deliver as the ground for their conclusions and must be ground for their conclusions and must be ground for their conclusions.

Well never stop.

The BMAR AGAINST RELIGION.

"Every priest and every Sister in France is a represent to that made carnival of vice which the French Republic to that made carnival of vice which the French Republic to that made carnival of vice which the French Republic to the Clemence and the Christianize France and to turn that mation, which owes its creation and existence to the Catholic Church.

Over again to the absorbing over again to the control over again to the absorbing over again to the be made to see the real meaning and purpose of these miscreants, who now hold France by the throf, as their political and anti-Christian ancestors ature that is corrupting the Continent once held it during the reign of terror. That the people of this country will the religion.

"I have too much confidence in the

THE VATICAN THREATENED.

cant incident, and points fatally to a safeguard against the acceptance by LETTER FROM HON A. LEO KNOTT what will be the inevitable outcome

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